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WEST GREETS NEW SOVIET DISARMAMENT PLAN WARILY

The Russians, surprising the experts who expected the summit collapse be followed by a much "harder" Soviet line, have presented the West with a ew version of their earlier proposals for total disarmament. The first responses American diplomats suggested that their conditioned reflexes were still in work- g order. They greeted the proposals "warily"; then announced that it would ke a couple of weeks really to study the plan but in the meanwhile allowed

at as usual it was primarily a propa- nda effort and contained great dan- rs for the West. The nature of the al- ost automatic reaction was indicated the *New York Times*, which reported at Western experts "conceded...that e new plan had been presented more kilfully than the last one and *was erefore more difficult to attack.*" Our italics.)

The new Soviet proposals call for e first-stage liquidation, within 12 18 months, of all overseas bases d means of delivering nuclear weap- s. It includes an elaborate system on-the-spot inspection and control within the framework of the United ations." Subsequent stages would ntinue the process down to the ulti- ate goal of total disarmament.

Western objections are basically o. First, the plan would eliminate e bases and weapons that are the est's "deterrents" against possible ggressive moves, with conventional ms, by the Soviet. Second, the phrase within the framework of the United ations" implies supervision by the curity Council and the consequent ssibility of Soviet resort to the veto er important aspects of the plan.

Both of these are legitimate criti- isms. While no disarmament can be vised that eliminates all possible sk, neither will a plan have any se- ous chance of acceptance if it re- ults in a major shift of power in fa- r of either side. But this does not stroy the importance of the Soviet proposals; it only emphasizes the dreariness of our response, which pro- duces criticisms but not alternatives.

Premier Khrushchev's venomous at- tacks on President Eisenhower and the persistent efforts to eliminate the American bases that circle the Soviet Union do not necessarily reflect a Russian desire to take aggressive ac- tion against her neighbors. As one commentator put it, "One factor un-

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Opposed

China (the one with the 600 million people, not Formosa) has let it be known that it will not consider binding any disarmament agreements reached by the ten-nation conference in Geneva. The Chinese also openly rejoiced over the breakdown of the summit meeting, and put on tremendous anti-American demonstrations in its aftermath.

Those who take these actions as further evidence of Chinese Communist aggressiveness and despair for the prospects of peace, should consider that American planes have been flying over China, presumably for espionage purposes, for years (See Helen Mears in Fellowship, *October, 1957), and that the largest nation in the world can hardly be expected to accept decisions vital to its future when it is excluded from the decision-making process. Would we?*

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questionably is genuine anger and fear aroused by the U-2 incident. The Russians have always been hyper-sensitive to any violation of their borders."

The questionable word is "hypersensitive." Can any nation be expected to take a calm view of flights over its territory by the war-planes of a powerful confessed enemy, or of the nearby bases from which such flights are launched? These are understandable fears, and it should be possible for our government to find ways of allaying them.

If the Western nations were now to say, in effect, "Great! We think this new plan is fine, except that it doesn't go far enough. Now we propose in addition..." the atmosphere might change considerably. Until we do, many of the world's people will go on believing the Communist charge that the United States does not really want disarmament.

Religious Bodies Back Sit-Ins

Student sit-in demonstrations against racial segregation in the South were commended last month by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Some civil laws are such "serious violations of God's law," the group said, that "peaceable and orderly" disobedience of them is justified.

Also, eighteen faculty members of the Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, issued a public statement commending the sit-ins as "Christian and lawful." The professors urged that eating facilities be integrated and pledged their support of Durham merchants who open their lunch counters on a non-discriminatory basis.

Fort Detrick Vigil To End

The Vigil at Fort Detrick, the FOR-initiated protest against chemical and biological weapons manufacture in Frederick, Maryland, will officially end on July 4. More than 1,600 supporters have contributed $11,400 to help finance the vigil, which was maintained uninterruptedly for 370 days by people from 34 states. News stories, radio reports, and TV newscasts carried the vigil story across the country.

The possibility of maintaining the vigil on weekends only beyond the July 4 termination date has been suggested. Persons interested in the idea should write to Lawrence Scott, 324 West Patrick St., Frederick, Md.

Jobs For Vanderbilt 11 Considered

Dr. Howard Schomer, president of Chicago Theological Seminary and an FOR member, announced this month that positions may be offered to all 11 members of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School faculty who resigned in May following the decision by Vanderbilt University trustees not to readmit James M. Lawson Jr. for his final year of study. "Unanimous" recommendation for such a move has already been expressed by the school's faculty committee, Schomer said.

Lawson, who is FOR Race Relations Secretary, was expelled in March for leadership of anti-segregation sit-in demonstrations. At present, he is completing his studies at the Boston University School of Theology.

Commendation of the resignations, including that of Dean J. Robert Nelson and 16 of the school's 120 students, was made last month by faculty members of the Harvard and Princeton Divinity Schools and the Episcopal Theological School.

NEWS from the peace front

A proposal to establish a special ce and disarmament agency under Secretary of State as a "symbol of determination to lead the world ay from madness," was made by Ad- E. Stevenson this month at a con- tion of the Textile Workers Union of erica in Chicago, Illinois. It was t of a five-point program that he sented as a "grand strategy for ace."

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A crowd of 20,000 filled New York's dison Square Garden to overflowing t month in what was reportedly the gest peace rally in over a decade. eakers included former Republican sidential candidate Alfred M. Lan- n, Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, rman Thomas, Norman Cousins and ers. In general, speeches empha- ed the need for positive action and continuation of East-West talks in neva despite the collapse at the mmit.

Following the rally, a group marched the United Nations where Norman omas led 5,000 in a 3-minute prayer "peace and brotherhood all over world."

The meeting was sponsored by the tional Committee for a Sane Nuclear licy.

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Eroseanna Robinson, pacifist social ker, was "unconditionally released" m prison last month with three-fourths her sentence incomplete. She had en serving a year's term at the Fed- l Prison for Women in Alderson, st Virginia, for conscientiously re- ing to pay income taxes. Miss Robin- n, who had refused to accept food d had to be force-fed since her con- ement on Jan. 27, had become "too at a burden on the medical facilities" the prison, according to Federal strict Court Judge Edwin Robson, o originally sentenced her.

Following her release Miss Robin- n asserted she would continue her nd on non-payment of income taxes.

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation has urged all national FOR groups to recognize Hiroshima Day (August 6) by missing a meal on that day. The Executive Committee of the American FOR decided in March to ask its members who participate in the fast to set aside any money saved for the work of the Japanese FOR. Contributions may be sent to J. N. Sayre, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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Eight volunteers attended a 7-day training session at the FOR National Headquarters in Nyack, N. Y. this month. The group included a retired minister and physics professor, and six students from North Carolina, Boston, New York, New Jersey and Arizona. Following the session trainees returned to their homes and schools to follow through on assignments.

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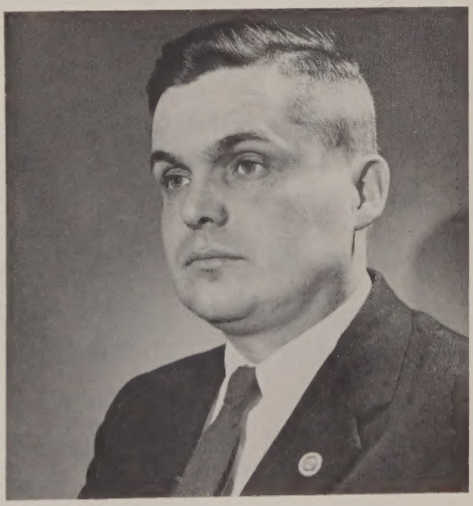

NEW. Raymond Paavo Arvio came on the FOR national staff June 1 in the newly created post of Finance Secretary. Formerly with World University Service, Ray is a Quaker who served a prison sentence as a non-registrant. His wife, Cynthia, and four children accompany him to the new location.

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Four hundred Protestant and Jewish clergymen signed a statement made public this month urging that the U.S. reconsider the recently negotiated Mutual Security Pact with Japan. The statement, released by the FOR, pointed out that such a treaty obligates Japan to build up sufficient arms for retaliation against any attack on U.S. bases and accordingly violates the Japanese Constitution adopted at the end of World War II.

Meanwhile in Japan, 900 people attended the second meeting of the Christian Council for Opposing the New Security Treaty held in Tokyo on May 3. The group reaffirmed a declaration made previously which condemned any signing of the treaty. Following the meeting they staged an hour's demonstration in one of the city's main streets.

At a special Socialist Party Convention in Tokyo this month, members voted unanimously to resign from the Diet (Parliament) in protest against new security treaty.

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An all-white jury acquitted Martin Luther King Jr. of perjury charges in Montgomery, Alabama, last month.

In February, Alabama authorities had accused King of perjuring himself concerning the use of funds belonging to the Montgomery Improvement Association, an organization which he directs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1-4. FOR National Conference Camp Seabeck, Washington. Speakers: Alfred Hassler, Glenn Smiley. Write: Maxine Acker, 1614 West 8th St., Aberdeen, Wash.

July 8-10. FOR National Conference Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, 26 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Calif. Speakers: Dr. Robert Fitch, Alfred Hassler, Glenn Smiley. Write: Lois V. Hamer, 12 West Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles Calif.

July 16-17. FOR National Conferen at Mount Hollywood Congregation Church, Prospect at Rodney, Hollywo Calif. Speakers: Rep. Byron L. Jo son, Dr. Theodore Anderson, Alfr Hassler, Glenn Smiley. Write: Lois Hamer, 1205 West Jefferson Blvd. L Angeles 7, Calif.

Aug. 13-20. AFSC Institute, "A Qua Approach to Contemporary Affairs" the Homestead, Carmel, Putnam Coun N.Y. Write: 237 Third Ave., New Yo 3, N. Y.

Aug. 20--Sept. 4. Peacemakers conf ence, "Training in Nonviolence" at former Manumit School, Cornwe Heights, Penna. Faculty: Richa Gregg, Maurice McCrackin, David D linger, Fred Shuttlesworth, and othe Write: Hal Witt, Washington 6, D. C 802 19th St. N. W.

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